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Hamilton students march in solidarity with Cuban citizens' fight for human rights

by Brandon Yam '25
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Over 130 students, faculty and staff marched Tuesday, Sept. 21 in an act of solidarity with Cuban civilians. Cubans have been protesting since July 2021 to express dissatisfaction with their current government. Organizers and attendees gathered at Kirner-Johnson (KJ) Circle and marched in a loop around campus. Marchers wore white and blue, clanged spoons against pots and pans and shouted slogans advocating for allyship. Marking the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month, the S.O.S. Cuba March was organized by Alex Reboredo '22, Bella Ojeda '23, Faby Alvarez '22, Jessica Sanchez '23, Katelyn Perruc '23, Tomás Alvarez-Perez '22 and Yénesis Alvarez '22.

The idea for the protest began when Yénesis Alvarez asked Ojeda if she wanted to hold a rally in response to the current protests in Cuba. In response, Ojeda told Alvarez, "OK, so let's make history." The group of Cuban-American students emailed clubs and organizations abou the event, and 42 of those groups forwarded the march's details to the student body. Those emails stated that the group was "in solidarity with basic human rights for Cuba" and that "there is no way we can begin Hispanic Heritage Month without raising awareness on what is happening in Cuba."

Cuba closed its borders for eight months amid the COVID-19 pandemic. This closure caused a resurgence in COVID-19 cases and a slow vaccine rollout. The closure also contributed to an 11 percent contraction of the Cuban economy in 2020. The government's inaction towards addressing food and medicine shortages pushed Cuban civilians to take to the streets. By demonstrating, Cubans put themselves at risk of being beaten, detained or imprisoned by police. These are the largest protests in Cuba in more than six decades.

Ojeda believes that she and her co-organizers serve as a voice for Cuban civilians, whose internet service has been cut many times by the government as a means of civilian censorship. "I don't think there's ever been this amount of representation for us," Ojeda said, noting the "overwhelming" support, evidenced by the turnout of the march and the conversations the march has created. "I think we're at a point where it's really important for us not to be silenced and not to stay silent for our people back on the Island who are silenced every day, all the time. The fact that us group of women came together to make this happen and kind of let our voices be heard for them on this campus is a really big deal."

When Yénesis Alvarez asked Olivia James '23 if she could borrow her paint for posters for the march, James said Alvarez taught her about Cuban issues. Being present and listening were important to James, who reflected on the event. "I was asking around what's happening and then reading the signs because there's not enough awareness on what's going on in Cuba," she said.

Although James was glad that S.O.S. Cuba received a huge turnout, she was still concerned that there is not enough attention on Cuba. "I felt very appalled that there's still these issues going on and that it's still OK that they're going on. I'm confused as to how nobody is really doing anything on a global scale about these issues because these are human rights violations."

PHOTO BY BRANDOM YAM '25
Organizers of S.O.S. Cuba lead a march around Hamilton College on Sept. 21.

Rachel Araujo '25 felt proud participating in the march and found that Hamilton differs from her high school in terms of social issues. "In my high school, we never had conversations like this," she added. "I'm so happy to go to a school where so many people care about situations like this, even though it's not directly affecting them."

She also said that she wanted to express her allyship with Cubans. "I have family members back home. Although they're not from Cuba, they're from Peru, and they have similar situations. I feel that I'm connected in a way," Araujo said. Echoing Araujo's sentiments, Juasline Plasencia '23, a student ambassador at the Days-Massolo Center, told *The Spectator* that she understands the experience of coming from a country under the oppression of a dictatorship. "I'm trying not to get emotional. I'm sorry, but it's amazing to have seen [the march] because in Cuba we could have gotten killed for that. We could have gotten arrested, sent to jail and basically wiped off the surface of the Earth just for expressing ourselves and fighting for what is right," said Plascencia, who is Afro-Latina and whose roots are in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

She recognized that she has the privilege to protest, which she said that she and other Americans might take for granted, and in turn uses it to express her solidarity with Cubans. "There's so many other places in the world, and people who are suffering, and we need to continue this energy, and we need to use this experience to continue to fight for Cuba and continue to fight for human rights for the whole world," Plascencia noted.

Ojeda told *The Spectator* that their goal of having conversations about Cuban issues does not end here with the the march. "We're going to keep going. This isn't the last time we're going to be showing our support and standing up for [Cubans] and using our background and who we are and our privilege in this country to be able to defend them and help them," she said. "Don't let the conversation die out."

Dining halls experience labor shortages

by Alexander Merkowitz '25
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Bon Appétit has recently faced a labor shortage at Commons and McEwen dining halls. The shortage has led to long lines and overcrowding at the dining halls, overwhelming workers and frustrating many members of the Hamilton community. The shortage is part of a nationwide trend, with many low-wage positions becoming increasingly difficult to fill.

Bon Appétit General Manager Reuben Haag emphasized that the shortage at Hamilton is a symptom of a national issue. "This isn't a problem that's unique to us at Hamilton, it's everywhere," he said. "There aren't enough people that want these positions and it's not just our area—it's nationwide." Charlie Haberstock '25 said that during his time at Hamilton, the dining halls have been noticeably understaffed. "The staff are super nice, you can tell they're trying their best," Haberstock said. "It's just sad that they're so overworked." Haag stated that while Bon Appétit has retained most workers from past years, the shortage has primarily been due to difficulty in recruiting workers. Haag said that Bon Appétit is currently hiring students to fill positions in the dining halls, after speaking with 35 students. "We have at least a dozen [students] actively working in the cafes at the moment," he said. Long lines are also typical at Commons, though it is unclear whether they are related to the labor shortage. One first-year reported having to wait in line at Commons for about 25 minutes. He said that "Bon Appétit should increase the wages of their workers so that there's more incentive [to work there]." Haberstock also reported experiencing long lines at the dining halls upon arriving at Hamilton. "At first it was really difficult for all of us,"

PHOTO BY ERIC SANTOMAURO-STENZEL '24

Students navigate Commons Dining Hall at peak hour.

he said. "You had to block out more than an hour just to get a meal."

Recently, lines have shrunk as people have begun to eat at off-peak times and the dining halls have hired more staff. "I learned to go at the off times, and as more people do that, and as the staffing recovers, the situation is continuing to get better," Haberstock said. Haag said that while these long lines could have been partially caused by the labor shortage, they also follow a typical pattern that occurs at the beginning of each academic year. Haag explained that lines usually become shorter as the year progresses. Bon Appétit recently implemented a self-serve line at Commons to shorten lines and lessen the workload for staff. The dining halls have also reduced their hours and consolidated worker roles to adapt to the labor shortage. While campus dining halls remain understaffed, Haag said that Bon Appétit is actively working to resolve the situation and is hopeful that the shortage will not be permanent. "Hopefully we'll be able to get back to what we had a few years ago," he said. "We're definitely working toward getting this back to normal as soon as we can."

Late-night Jitney service discontinued

by Charlotte Morey '24
STAFF WRITER

This semester Campus Safety discontinued the late-night Jitney service. The late-night Jitney service provided students with safe transportation to downtown Clinton and back between the hours of 9:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. on the weekends. Any student above the age of 21 was allowed to ride the Jitney down to Clinton, and all students regardless of age were allowed to ride the Jitney back up to campus. Unlike the daytime Jitney, the late-night Jitney was a large bus instead of the usual Hamilton vans. The larger vehicle was to make sure space for all students to get home safely at night.

With COVID regulations somewhat relaxed this year, students are now allowed to socialize off-campus in downtown Clinton again, but they no longer have the security of the late-night Jitney as a ride home. Students Natalie Harrity '23 and Merrill Storch '23 both spoke on this issue expressing how much they miss the late-night Jitney and how they hope for its return. "I want the luxury back to feel safe coming home," said Harrity. Both students remarked on how the discontinuation of the late-night Jitney was often a topic of discussion among their friends as they now had to organize other ways of transportation to go downtown. Harrity and Storch were disappointed as finding transportation had never been an issue for them previously.

In an interview, the Director of Campus Safety, Frank Coots, in an interview, explained that the decision to cancel the late-night Jitney this semester was a combination of the changing nature of the pandemic, the closure of The Village Tavern and the significant amount of time it takes to organize the late-night Jitney with the bus provider. The lack of communication to the student body about the cancellation of the late-night Jitney this semester was not intentional. The level of communication from the Campus Safety and Transportation offices remained the same from last year.

The return of the late-night Jitney is a continued possibility and will be evaluated on a semester-by-semester basis. In conversation with Campus Safety, the President's office and other administrators, the decision will be based on the state of the pandemic and information from local authorities on the safety of students socializing in downtown Clinton. In the meantime, Coots recommends students choose a designated driver for their group to stay sober and provide transportation for students who wish to continue to socialize downtown. Coots also mentioned that, while not ideal in the pandemic, ridesharing services such as Uber are available. In an emergency or if a student feels unsafe, the option to contact Campus Safety for a ride to campus remains, and requests for transportation will be assessed independently on a case by case basis.

Students have also raised the concern of equity with this issue. Not everyone has access to a car, has a driver's license or can afford to use ridesharing apps frequently. Students expressed that this creates a divide within the student body, as those with cars can enjoy the privilege of going downtown, but others, without cars, do not have access to a free jitney ride anymore at night.

The regular daytime Jitney continues to run daily until 8:00 p.m. providing students with transportation to downtown Clinton and alternating between New Hartford and Utica on the weekends.

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Students complain of on-campus parking crisis

by Sumiko Newman '24
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Parking on-campus has become a major point of concern and frustration among the student body this semester. Students feel that there are not enough parking spots available within a reasonable walking distance from their dorms and classes. The creation of Glenview A & B Residence Halls has consumed approximately 60 spots in the Root Student Parking Lot. With significantly fewer juniors studying abroad this semester as a consequence of the pandemic, there are more students with cars on campus.

Some students have resorted to using various faculty lots and spots. However, most members of Hamilton faculty and staff need to commute to campus each day, and expect spots to be available in their lots when they arrive each morning and during non-business hours. As a result, faculty and staff are also experiencing spot shortages, and students with cars in these lots have received $50 fines. That being said, there are exceptions. Campus Safety allows students to use Root Faculty/Staff Lot, Visitor Lot, and Ferguson/Woollcott Faculty/Staff Lot from Fridays at 5:00 p.m. until Sundays at 11:59 p.m. If students keep their vehicles in these lots after the stated hours, they are subject to a $50 fine and will be towed at the owner's expense—a cost of at least $180.

With very few available parking spots in convenient locations, especially during the week, the only option left is the parking located in the North and New Lots on Campus Road across from the softball and baseball fields. The lot is about a mile from the Dark side and a twenty minute walk from the Bundy Residence Halls. Additionally, many students feel that it is unclear whether they will face a $25 versus $50 ticket, as well as when their vehicle may be towed.

With the parking crisis drawing so much attention, both the Director of Campus Safety Frank Coots and Student Assembly (SA) have addressed the issue.

Coots made a statement to SA President Saphire Ruiz '22 and Vice President Eric Santomauro-Stenzel '24. He explained that he is looking into "opportunities to alleviate the constant challenge of finding parking that does not cause too much inconvenience." One idea is to use the Old Tennis Courts, which are adjacent to the Field House, as a student parking lot. It is currently used as faculty/staff parking during the business day as well as a space for a Phys Ed. class. Coots explained that to bring this idea into fruition, pavement striping will need to be done and "some event protection for the Phys Ed. class" created, but he says he is already working on this project. He stresses that although North Lot is not convenient to everyone, it is still on campus and is far closer than parking off campus.

Finally, Coots reminded SA that students can submit every ticket to the student-run Appeals Committee for review. The only voting members on the committee are students, and they review each appeal and make the decision on whether a ticket is dismissed or sustained. Coots encourages "each and every student to file an appeal and wait until they receive a determination prior to paying any fine."

Some students are curious to know where the money paid for a fine goes. Coots explained in his statement that Campus Safety receives none of the money that is collected and that it is all returned into what he described as the "the general fund" of the College.

SA VP Santomauro-Stenzel released his own official statement on the parking issue. He believes that relying on North Lot "is untenable as a long-term solution, and the best solutions require approval and planning from departments beyond Campus Safety." Additionally, he asserts that the "Hamilton College administration should waive most of the tickets that have already been issued, allow parking on open grass areas (excluding playing areas), and invest in more long-term parking options, among other proposals."

Santomauro-Stenzel ends by stating that he has "faith in the Residential Life & Safety Committee and the [Student] Assembly to work towards solutions before the weather worsens." At the SA meeting on Monday, Sept. 13, VP Santomauro-Stenzel made a motion to commit the issue of parking to the SA Residential Life & Safety Committee. This motion passed, meaning that the committee will be responsible for further working on addressing the issue of parking.

PHOTO BY AUDREY WALLACE '22

No spot available in the Ferguson-Woollcott parking lot for student vehicles despite several rows of spaces.

PHOTO BY AUDREY WALLACE '22

Despite apparently open spots, students may not park in these designated faculty spaces.

To the Hamilton Community, Sept. 21, 2021

Undergraduate admissions workers are in the process of organizing a union. An election is scheduled for September 24, 2021. This is a path-breaking effort that would establish the first union in higher education for admissions workers. We, the undersigned faculty, wholeheartedly support the unionization effort.

As detailed in a letter to the *Spectator signed* by three student employees of the Admissions Office – Izzy Rutkey, Wriley Nelson, and Eric Cortes-Kopp – the spur to organizing came already last summer, when students asked the Admissions Office for a pay raise, a request that was rebuffed. Salary concerns were not the only issue motivating student employees at Admissions: other student workers at the Admissions Office were being paid with Hannaford gift cards or Visa cards, while some were not being compensated for all hours worked, which raised concerns of wage theft. Moreover, last spring, the Admissions Office resumed in-person tours without consulting tour guides, at a time when the COVID vaccine was not yet available and COVID restrictions meant that students themselves could not leave campus.

Based on these concerns, student employees at the Admissions Office have signed cards stating that they want to hold a vote to unionize. This is an important democratic process, one that we would expect the College to honor and support. Disappointingly, however, the Admissions Office, while not actively blocking the election, have allegedly engaged in unfair labor practices in violation of the National Labor Relations Act. For example, following the Admissions workers' decision to file a petition to unionize, the Admissions Office granted a raise to student workers and directly spoke to workers about the union, tactics that can be seen as efforts to dissuade students from voting to unionize.

At Hamilton, we put a high value on faculty governance. We, the undersigned, believe that student workers, too, should have substantive say over their working conditions, for their benefit as well as the benefit of all members of our college community. A union is a powerful way of ensuring that workers are able to individually and collectively participate in shaping their work environment.

In a letter to the *Spectator*, Monica Inzer, Vice President for Enrollment, argued that a union would "diminish the ability of the Admission staff members to teach, mentor, and communicate directly with students." We believe that, on the contrary, by ensuring good working conditions, a union can help facilitate a more equitable environment for learning and communication. Forming a union does not guarantee success of workers' specific demands. And, yes, it would mean more rules governing the workplace. But, again, with faculty governance as a model, it means that there are ways to still work closely with the administration even while protecting the rights of workers.

The important point is that a union empowers workers, through organizational resources, collective bargaining rules, and increased solidarity, to be able to seek better working conditions and protect themselves against not only employer malfeasance or abuse but also the capriciousness of employer responses to developments like COVID. Such protection is especially important for students from economically marginalized communities – often first generation students or students of color – who may often face a choice between accepting unfair or unsafe working conditions and losing essential income.

We support the process by which Admissions students are organizing, and, if the student workers vote to unionize, hope that the college will bargain in good faith with the union to improve working conditions.

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Balancing Act: First Years' First Month

By Deanna Durben '25
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Hearts collectively skip a beat as a bell ring shatters the silence, and a startled girl's pen flies onto the floor. Every night at 11:45 p.m. in Burke Library, students reluctantly pack up their things to go—but not to their dorms. Instead, a mass migration occurs to the 24-hour room before the cage-like metal bars descend, reducing their world to a room of fluorescent lights and vending machines. Four weeks into the semester, and some first-years are already pulling all-nighters.

"I do my best work at 4:00 a.m., I'll be fine," David Batbayar '25 told everyone casually. Initially, he was very productive, without rowdy group conversations or passing friends to distract him. With the outside world shrouded in darkness, "the world narrows to you and your laptop," Batbayar described. He cheerfully powered through classes the next day, but the sleep deprivation took its toll in the evening, draining his motivation. After lying down on his rug for a quick rest, he woke up to find it was noon the next day, luckily one without morning classes. It is harder to capture that sense of flow when working during the day, but Batbayar is trying to cultivate better time management skills. He is going to start his next assignments the moment he gets them, so he has ample time to revise essays and master the MLA citation format. "That's the idea," he laughs, "I've got to put it into practice first."

For Shraddha Datta '25, the goal is balance. In high school, she forced herself to robotically power through assignments, the constant stress and lack of breaks making her sick. Slowly, increased confidence in her own judgment and constant self-assessment of energy levels have helped her make better decisions. However, even with this foundation of self-care, college has been a huge shock to the system. Looming deadlines and overwhelming piles of reading keep her "acutely aware that [she's] not studying," even when she has blocked out time to relax.

"I keep forgetting that I can take an hour or two, or even three, or even four, to have fun in breaks and pace myself, and get work done in between, and be alright," Datta says. Between studying and socializing, there is no time to be alone and recharge, and the opportunity cost of adding each activity or club that she is interested in would be overwhelming. Talking through each option with a good friend helps Datta calm down and reprioritize, as well as banish the mental voice that warns, "Maybe I shouldn't attend the GSU meeting, maybe I shouldn't have fun."

Various club meetings happen nearly every night, so seeing a friend leap up abruptly at ten to the hour to rush across campus is a common sight. Despite the unpredictability of their new lives, first-years are slowly settling into routines, discovering new clubs and choosing favorite study spaces around campus. Some enjoy the chaotic synergy of large groups, laughing and shouting across the table in between discrete bursts of work. Others might find peace alone in corner study rooms of the Taylor Science Center, scrawling equations on a chalkboard to the movements of Tchaikovsky.

For students with work-study as part of their financial aid, applying for jobs is another significant hurdle. Kien Tran '25 has been working on applications in the fleeting free time he has between computer science and calculus work. It was intimidating to get started, but he took advantage of Hamilton's resources. These included multiple Career Center workshops and a session with a peer advisor, who helped him figure out how best to emphasize his skills and accomplishments on his resume.

Tran's original plan was to cast a wide net, but he narrowed his options after combing through dozens of job descriptions and required qualifications. Connecting his interests in software and hardware to various jobs in the LITS department has sharpened his determination and made writing cover letters easier.

To relax, Tran plays basketball. "You've gotta have a hobby, a passion," he tells me emphatically. He usually hoops for an hour or two after PE class, either alone or with his roommate, David Levine '25. They converse with an easy banter, and late-night chats also help both of them destress. According to Levine, saying, "Hey roomie, you look really cute today," is the best way to start a great friendship. It seems to have worked. "I've got his back, and he's got mine," Tran says, nodding.

Long practice times for student-athletes add significant stress, even if they love their sport. At an academically demanding college like Hamilton, "expectations are high on both sides," says Jaash Parekh '25. He is on the golf team, which practices for two hours on weekdays and five on weekends. Although the golf course is only 15 minutes away, as a first-year with no car, he has to constantly coordinate with the team for transportation. Compounding the pressure, each player has to requalify for matches every week. Last week Parekh had to "keep up with qualifiers, personal practice and workouts, then finish two papers and a quiz," he describes. Parekh expressed his surprise (which is echoed by the majority of his peers) at the significant workload so early into the first semester. He arrived a month and a half ago, and still has not had time to visit Clinton.

Bruce Leight '25 has a completely different problem related to athletics. On the second day of class, he was playing Ultimate Frisbee when someone accidentally rammed into him and dislocated his knee, tearing his ACL, PCL, MCL and causing bone contusions, which he has to have surgery for on Oct. 6. "You don't really realize how inaccessible campus is until you get injured," he said. Faced with a 45 minute walk on crutches from the gym (where he does prehab, preparing for his surgery and attempting to restore range of motion) to his residence hall, the help of Campus Safety drivers has been essential to Leight, and he repeatedly expressed his gratitude to them.

Although this was not the start to college that he had expected, Leight is finding silver linings. His firm belief that everything happens for a reason has given him an incredible degree of optimism. Instead of packing his schedule with various club sports, he has been staying on top of schoolwork and studying. Spending time outdoors with friends has proven to be an unexpectedly enjoyable form of socialization, and the Hamilton community has been very supportive and enthusiastically helpful. People advised him to take a year off so he could have a "normal freshman year", but he said "there's nowhere else I'd rather be."

Hamilton Horoscopes

by Mariam Saied '23
Resident Astrologist

Welcome to Libra season you astrophiles! The Hill's astrology goddess has spoken, so read on to know your fate...

Jan. 20-Feb. 18: Aquarius
February 19-March 20: Pisces
March 21-April 19: Aries
April 20-May 20: Taurus
May 21-June 20: Gemini
June 21-July 22: Cancer
July 23-August 22: Leo
August 23-Sept. 22: Virgo
Sept. 23-Oct. 22: Libra
Oct.23-Nov. 21: Scorpio
Nov. 22-Dec. 21: Sagittarius
Dec. 22-Jan. 19: Capricorn

Aries

This week is all about partnership, Aries. You often find yourself being a bit of a lone wolf, but you don't have to be! Let those walls down and some amazing things can happen. Mercury in Libra, in your house of relationships, makes a trine to Jupiter in Aquarius in your house of friendships. C'mon now, you can't just ignore that.

Taurus

Don't psych yourself out. You have a clear mind and know exactly what you need to do this week. You know what you need to delegate and what you need to put on the backburner. Trust in your intuition and embrace healthy routines. You have general good fortune this week, be inspired by it and pay it forward.

Gemini

Keep it playful and fun this week. The Sun is entering Libra and your pleasure zone, so you'll feel a burst of creativity and confidence. Play with your style, flirt with an Aries, draw in the glen- whatever you do to channel this energy, keep it drama free. With Mercury and Pluto clashing there may be some shady figures showing up in your life, trust your gut and keep a distance.

Cancer

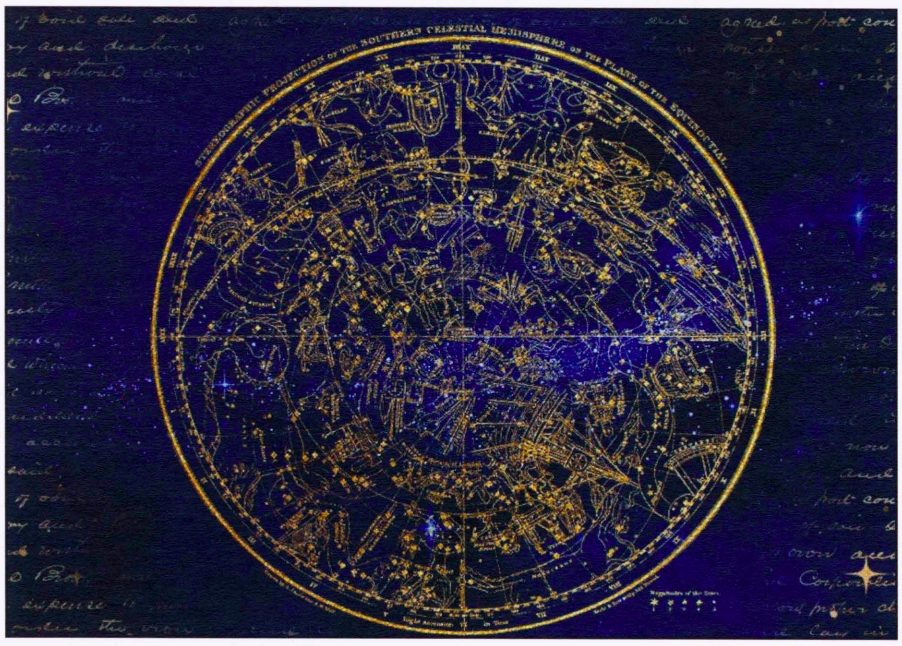
Good health and healing is coming your way! Whether it's a broken bone or a broken heart, happiness and prosperity is on the way. New positive opportunities are coming your way as well, think about what you're willing to let go of to make space for them. It doesn't hurt to put yourself first for once.

Leo

Great relationships start with how you see yourself. Listen to how you speak to yourself and make a positive shift! Take that outward confidence and use it to nurture your inner self. This will unlock the door to love, whether that means a new relationship or a newfound appreciation for one.

Virgo

You may find yourself shifting focus from interpersonal relationships to material possessions. Chase the bag, Virgo. You do it best. Don't get too caught up in it though, it may feel like you are one possession away from happiness but that's just not the way the cookie crumbles.



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Libra

IT'S LIBRA SEASON BABY. The moment you've been eagerly waiting for. Expect a major boost in confidence. Don't have much to say except go have a ball.

Scorpio

Rest up this week. You've been booked and busy and that's just not the best lifestyle for you. Mercury is in Libra in your house of psychic ability and Jupiter is in Aquarius in your house of ancestors. Take a little trip to the glen with your crystals and manifest under the Pisces moon. I'd recommend some good ole smoky quartz to help you release bottled up tension.

Sagittarius

You tend to be the life of the party and easily make new friends, but don't forget about your old ones too! You may find yourself in some stressful situations and if that happens you want to make sure you have your ride or dies to lean on. That doesn't mean avoiding new friendships, it simply means making time for old ones whenever you can.

Capricorn

There's a movement and change around you that you've been waiting for. The full moon is in your communication zone, encouraging you to get out of your regular routine to help you see things clearly and gain some inspiration. Let go of control a little bit and see where it can take you.

Aquarius

Your brain will be full to the brim with new curiosities as the sun enters Libra. You're a naturally intellectual person and that will come to the forefront. Don't be afraid to pose questions with loaded answers. This will help you expand your already complex worldview.

Pisces

Tap into your spiritual side this week! In the light of the harvest moon, you're truly feeling yourself as you step into your power. Treat yourself to some fun and allow yourself to get lost in your daydreams. Embrace all that you are and manifest the things you want to see.

Bachelor & Bachelorette

Alex Weremchuk '24

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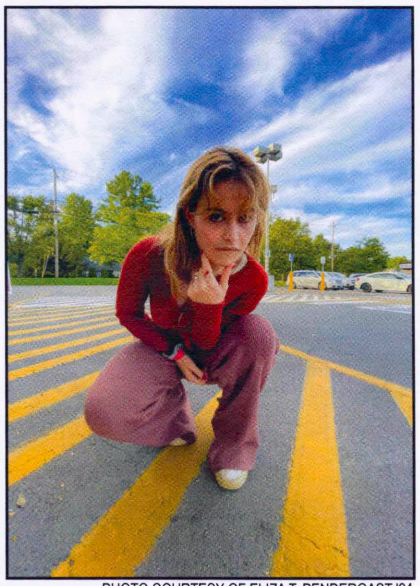
Hometown: New York, New York.
Home on Campus: Babbitt 10.
Major: Philosophy and Music.
Turn on? Sonny Stitt on "On The Sunny Side Of The Street".
Turn off? Popular Contemporary Country Music.
If you had to describe yourself as the love child of any two musicians, whom would you pick and why? Dexter Gordon and Louis Cole because that would be epic. Furthermore, we three are tall. There are other commonalities, too, probably.
What TV genre best describes you? The cool genre.
What's the best pick-up line you've ever used/had used on you? Being handed a note with a message and a phone number.
What are three things you cannot live without? Food, water, jazz music and the genres derived from it. And clothes and shelter.
If you could join one group on campus, what would it be? The bowling club because I want to go bowling.
If you could break one rule at Hamilton and get away with it, which would you choose? I would love to be able to take the Alexander Hamilton statue home with me and put it in my room and stand next to it and be comforted by His presence.
What would you give a thumbs up? South of College Hill Rd.
What would you give a thumbs down? Factory farming.
Who would you say is your campus crush? Claudius.
Who would you say is your faculty crush? Doc Woods. Or the Philosophy Department.
What would your perfect date be? A date where I have fun and like the person. I also like walking around. Oh and a date where we are compatible. And one where I leave feeling like I made a meaningful connection with that person.
What is the weirdest thing currently in your room? My project.
If you were a food, which would you be and why? I would be an everything bagel with lox and scallion cream cheese from Pick-a-bagel or Gramercy Bagel. Damn that stuff is delicious.
Lights on or lights off? Somewhere in between.
Favorite campus study spot? Some place that's climate controlled and has white noise, like the KJ atrium.
What's the last lie you told? I told someone I was graduating this year and that I would be doing my thesis next semester on the philosophy of aesthetics. Cap!
What's the meaning of life? To persist and seek contentment. To contemplate beauty and experience life as it passes through you.

Eliza T. Pendergast '24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Hometown: Ardmore, Pennsylvania.
Home on Campus: KJ 162.
Major: …
Turn on? Unopened emails.
Turn off? Plays a sport.
If you had to describe yourself as the love child of any two musicians, whom would you pick and why? Kanye + anyone from the Aristocats (1970).
What advertising slogan best describes your life? "Got Milk?"
What TV genre best describes you? The news.
What's the best pick-up line you've ever used/had used on you? "See me after class"
What's your type? Punk/Emo/Goth/Anyone on the show My Strange Addictions/Great smile/Tall/Distinct Voice or nose/ Brown Hair/Did better on the english section of the SAT than me.
What are three things you cannot live without? Backpack, my smoking robe, Tostitos Mild salsa.
If you were in any social space, what would it be? Mail center package line.
Where do you go when you want to be alone? I can disassociate anywhere.
If you could join one group on campus, what would it be? DX.
If you could break one rule at Hamilton and get away with it, which would you choose? I would walk into McEwen after hours and make myself a bowl of cereal with the almond milk they keep right there in the fridge.
What would you give a thumbs up? Going out to dinner.
What would you give a thumbs down? Black-soled sneakers.
Who would you say is your campus crush? The person reading this <3.
Who would you say is your faculty crush? Martin from Martin's way.
What would your perfect date be? Buying me a present.
What is the weirdest thing currently in your room? My roommate (Madeline Pittel '24).
If you were a food, which would you be and why? Piece of gum.
Lights on or lights off? iPhone flashlight.
Favorite campus study spot? KJ 162.
What's the last lie you told? KJ 162.
What was your first thought this morning? "Whose Woods these are, I think I know."

Hamilton's food: how bad is it really?

by Veronica Smolinski '25
OPINION CONTRIBUTOR

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A brightly-colored array of food readily available at Mcewen dining hall.

Location, class-size and course offerings were all things I considered when applying to Hamilton College. One thing I did not consider? The food. Niche ranks Hamilton College 460 out of 1,392 on their list of best college food in America. As someone who values the comfort of a home-cooked meal, I underestimated how much I would miss standing by the hot flame of my stove. Familiar and delicious scents would surround me during dinnertime. Now, I flock to the dining halls alongside other hangry, busy and tired students. I get in line for a meal I did not prepare myself maybe a meal that I have never thought of preparing before.

College dining halls are notorious for two things: offering unhealthy options and offering tasteless food. You will often hear the words bland, processed and cold in association with dining hall meals. Food quality has been a rising concern for many students applying to college, as dining hall horror stories from accredited institutions went viral on TikTok over quarantine. At the end of a long day, all I want is a tasty meal.There is irony behind these two conflicting notions: why are students gaining weight—the infamous "freshman fifteen"—from bad tasting food?

Personally, I can answer this question for my situation: the food at Hamilton is not that bad. Hamilton's website boasts two dining halls, a diner, a pub, two cafes, and a (now closed) smoothie bar. The majority of students find themselves dining at Commons, McEwen, and the Howard Diner.

Commons is iconic for its grandness—the inside reminding many of a building found in Hogwarts. Looking up at the ceiling, you can see flags displaying the home countries of Hamiltion's community. Around you are the Hamilton athletes eating dinner together at the big, square tables.

In your hands may be the most decent or most questionable meal of your life. At Commons, you willl find an array of foods. There's a chef always cooking pizza, the salad bar is stocked with vegetables and on the weekends you will find piles of delicious donuts. One can be overwhelmed by the amount you can find at Commons.

Unfortunately, many of the meals tend to be hit or miss. The same pasta you ate last Friday could be served today and taste like a totally different meal. The potatoes you had to salt yesterday could use a little less salt today. The suspicious condition of the meat might lead you to resort to the old reliable—mine is a toasted everything bagel with butter.

The chili, ravioli and pancakes have never failed to curb my appetite. The steak and other meals, however, often leave me wondering "where's the flavor?" However, one thing I am always grateful for is that there is plenty to eat at Commons, as it has options for everyone to pick from. Whether these options are tasty or not is entirely subjective and depends on the day, but my meal is always served with a smile from the dining hall staff.

McEwen is the go-to for those with dietary restrictions. It is where you will usually find the vegetarian, vegan and healthier options. Like Commons, McEwen has a salad bar and hot food that changes daily. I usually find myself at McEwen, waiting patiently in the taqueria line for tacos and chips with queso. The taqueria is the highlight of McEwen—the taco toppings are always fresh and always under your discretion. Likewise, I always keep my eye out for the delicious orange chicken I once had at McEwen.

Undeniably, the food could use some more seasoning and spices, as a little cumin can transform a meal from blah to yum. But this seems to be the overarching problem with all the dining hall food on campus. My solution is to do some of my own "cooking:" I squeeze fresh lime and cilantro on my rice, or reach for hot sauce to add some flavor to my morning eggs. Looking for ways to change a basic dining hall meal elevates your dining experience.

Of course, one cannot talk about Hamilton's food scene without mentioning the Howard Diner. Diner is a Hamilton favorite: great music plays on the jukebox and the nostalgic diner vibe transports you outside of Hamilton and to a different era. Everyone that has been to diner has their go to order—for me it is the black russian sandwich. But the burgers, caesar wrap and chicken parm sandwich are among the other meals students cannot get enough of. Though the unhealthiest option, diner has the best tasting food.

The fries are seasoned adequately, and your meal is prepared fresh and in front of you. It generally seems like the tastiest foods are the ones that are the worst for you. However, eating at the diner and indulging in a soda and fries is nothing to feel guilty about: we all deserve a treat.

So, what have I taken away from dining at Hamilton? It may be worthwhile to bring a packet or two of soy sauce to dinner at Commons. My tortilla chips probably need more McEwen queso. And a diner meal is definitely worth waiting in that line for.

September 23, 2021

AOC receives internet backlash from Met Gala

by Julia Smith '25
OPINION CONTRIBUTOR

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AOC posing on the Met Gala red carpet in her controversial dress.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art's famed Met Gala boasts the biggest celebrity names and some of the year's most outrageous fashion looks, at the price of $30,000 per ticket. It is viewed by millions across the world through live streams and social media commentary, and there is seldom a year where the internet does not explode. In 2019, the internet was shocked when Katy Perry dressed as a chandelier and a hamburger in the same night. This year, the internet criticism widely circled Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) (D-NY 14th District).

On Sept. 13, AOC attended the Met Gala sporting a white dress emblazoned with the words 'TAX THE RICH' in bright red. Her appearance and outfit caused a storm of online criticism from all sides of the political spectrum. Many of her own supporters accused her of hypocrisy and reducing the importance of income inequality. In response, Ocasio-Cortez argued that the Met belongs to the people of New York, and the Gala provides an opportunity to take a political stance with fashion as a medium.

The Met Gala is inherently classist. The exorbitant amount of money raised benefits the Metropolitan Museum's costume institute, which, while amazing in its artistry, does little to benefit the people of New York City beyond cultural enrichment. It does, however, broadcast across the world. It is made attractive to viewers through the celebrities and their outrageous costumes, creating a perfect environment to make a statement, which is exactly what Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez did. The congresswoman's actions constitute a self-aware, audacious confrontation. AOC did not pay for her ticket or her dress. She used the very medium of the Met Gala, fashion, to critique the event and those attending. She waltzed among people who easily paid the massive, required sum—her dress a reminder of what she stands for. Given her background and political history, it should be simple to view her as an infiltrator of the American elite, subverting the glorification of wealth with a borrowed, politically charged dress.

An online majority has also latched onto the idea that AOC is a hypocrite. She is a democratic socialist, yet she is gallivanting across the red carpet and rubbing elbows with rich celebrities. Her critics purport the message on her dress to be lazy, empty and meaningless to the cause she claims to support. Her dress, according to multiple commenters, reduced the urgency of the idea, turning a nationwide problem into a catchy phrase.

On the other hand, I understood her statement as a straightforward, in-your-face message that leaves no room for interpretation. Given outside context— the location, the people who spent thousands upon thousands to be there, the fact that AOC did not spend a cent—the short, quippy catch phrase becomes blatantly confrontational. The controversy is primarily an issue of perspective. There is plenty of evidence to interpret AOC's attendance as interesting and effective, as I do. Instead, many of her own supporters preferred the opposing interpretation.Why were many so quick to call her a hypocrite, to claim she did not embody the principles of a "woman of the people"? Why assume her message to be meaningless, rather than strikingly meaningful?

I believe the root of the problem, like many issues, is the painfully sharp "us v. them" divide that has grown from American capitalism. It permeates nearly all aspects of society, contributing to growing polarization and resentment. The true issue is the fact that AOC attended the Met Gala at all. Even if she made a political statement and is not extraordinarily wealthy, she appeared at an event that screams "exclusivity" and "celebrity." As a woman who worked as a bartender and whose career was built on a grassroots movement, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez garnered political support because she was an outsider—one of the people. Her Met Gala attendance threw her supporters' sense of what she represents into disarray. By walking the red carpet, AOC crossed from "us" to "them", betraying the values she was elected for. The Met Gala places large emphasis on appearance, particularly on outfits and the celebrities wearing them. It is only logical that AOC, crossing the metaphorical line, would have her own attendance and statement reduced to face-value.

PHOTO BY CNN

The back of the dress, embellished with the sentence "TAX THE RICH."

CAB Presents: Snakehips and Tommy Genesis

by Lily Rizzoli '24
A&E EDITOR

This coming Friday, Sept. 24, Campus Activities Board (CAB) will host Hamilton's first major in-person concert since the COVID-19 pandemic. This comes after the success of last year's virtual Class and Charter Day (C&C) music festival, which featured Quinn XCII, Remi Wolf, Maude Latour, Junglepussy and Loud Luxury. This Friday's concert, titled "Ham Jam" will feature British EDM duo Snakehips and Canadian rapper Tommy Genesis.

The headliner, Snakehips, consists of members Oliver Lee and James Carter. The duo is from London but met and formed their connection in a Hong Kong sake bar. They chatted and hit it off right away, making loose plans to meet up again before they flew back. They never met up again in Hong Kong, but instead ran into each other back home in London by chance, and bonded once more over their mutual love of music. Then and there, they decided to collaborate and thus Snakehips was born in 2010.

Since then, the group has been producing EDM-style music, but the song that undoubtedly kick-started their career was their 2015 song "All My Friends," featuring American rapper Chance the Rapper and American singer Tinashe. This song put Snakehips on many musicians' radars, and the group has since collaborated with many talented stars including English singer Zayn Malik on their song "Cruel," Danish singer MØ on "Don't Leave" and American rapper Anderson .Paak on "Money on Me." The duo also remixes other musicians' hit songs by adding their own spin on them. The pair are known for their lively sets that match their high-energy music.

Tommy Genesis will open for Snakehips on Friday night. The Canadian native is known for her rapping, modeling and visual art. Tommy's music teeters between rap and R&B/pop. Her sound is new and her lyrics are courageous and uncensored. In 2016, Dazed magazine even crowned Tommy "the internet's most rebellious underground rap queen" for her risky, provocative music. No matter what, her performance will be unlike any other Hamilton has seen.

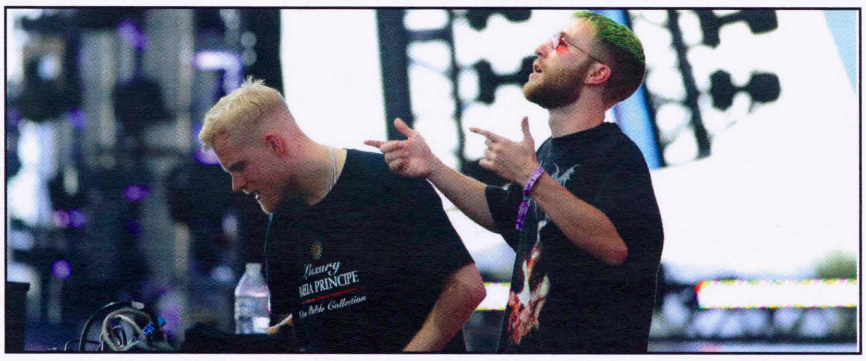

PHOTO BY SOPHIA WILSON
British EDM duo Snakehips performing onstage during Coachella 2018.

In the past, the Fall Concert has historically featured hip hop or rap music, while the Spring Concert/C&C Day Concert has featured EDM or pop music. However, this year, CAB decided to make a change. CAB members Olivia Otsuka '24 and Jonah Bauer '22 stated that one reason they chose Snakehips and Tommy Genesis this year is because they found that the campus is more fond of EDM shows, and "in recent years, [their] survey polls have demonstrated heightened interest in Pop/EDM/Alternative artists." The CAB members also shared a very simple goal they made for themselves in throwing this concert: "We wanted to create an atmosphere where students could gather with their friends and dance enough to make up for two years of being inside."

The CAB team has also created limited-edition merchandise for the special event, including an illustrated snake fanny pack and matching stickers. These exclusive items are only available to the first 150 people in line for Ham Jam. Several CAB members have expressed that they are so excited to host performers in person and bring concerts back to normal.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and Ham Jam will be hosted outdoors at the Old Tennis Courts. While the concert is free, students must bring their Hill Cards for admission.

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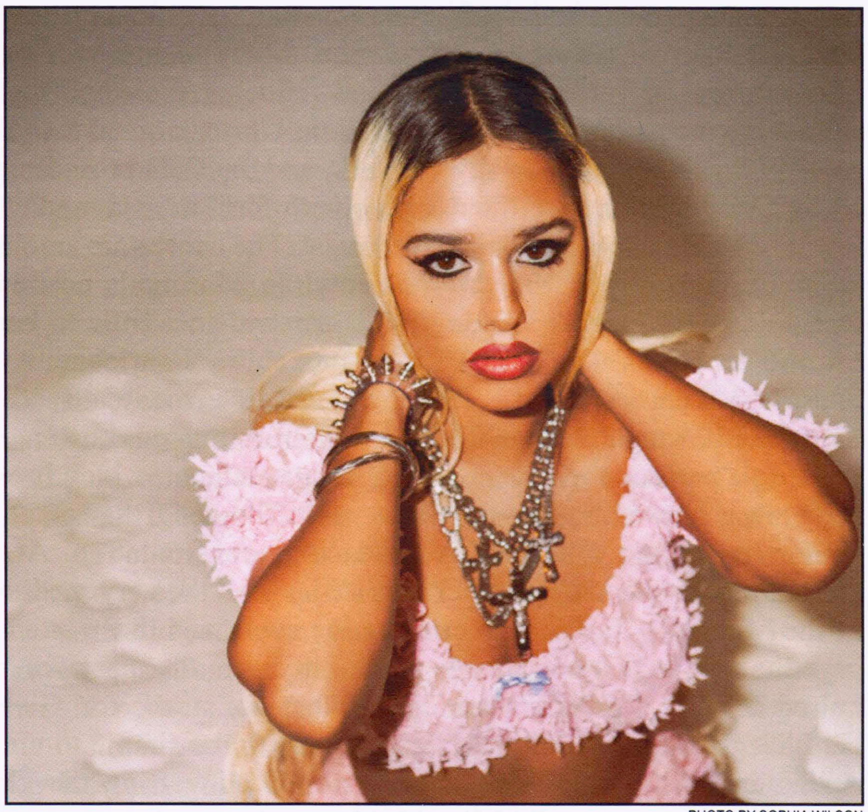
Lee and Carter, the two artists who make up EDM duo Snakehips.



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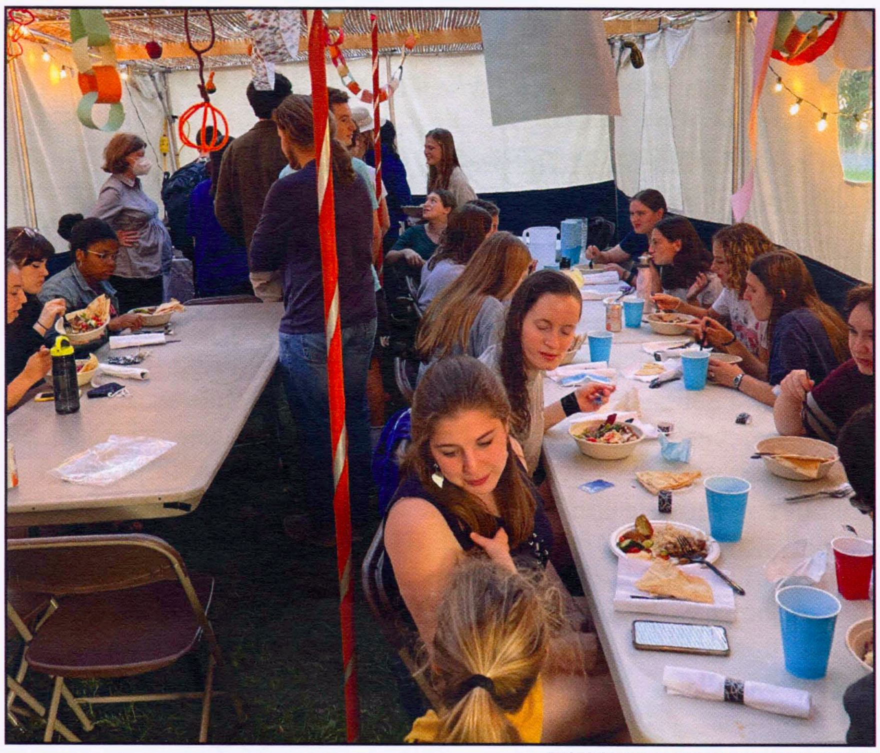
Tommy Genesis, the Canadian rapper who will be performing with Snakehips.

Feasting in the Sukkah: A Hamilton College Hillel Tradition

by Rebecca Pomerantz '24
A&E WRITER



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Members of Hamilton College Hillel share a meal in the Sukkah.

On Sunday, Sept. 19 at 10:00 a.m., members of Hillel and Rabbi Bair's family gathered in the Sukkah, a temporary tent—translated as 'hut' from Hebrew—located between Commons Dining Hall and South Hall, to celebrate Sukkot. Hillel had a blend of traditional Jewish food and classic autumn treats, like bagels and cream cheese, babka, dates, apples, pumpkins and apple cider. The children of professors helped Hamilton students decorate their sukkah, with craft materials like colored paper, pipe cleaners, markers, duct tape, and ribbons. In most sukkahs, visitors can see the sky from inside, creating the effect of being one with nature. Traditional sukkahs have a roof made of plant materials like branches and leaves, but Hamilton students uniquely customized their Sukkah, tying colored paper together to hang decorations, like self-portraits and pumpkins.

Once the ceilings were full of decorations, students painted pictures and made gifts for each other. Rachel Saxon '24 made crowns out of pipe cleaners for Chaya Bair, the daughter of Rabbi Bair and Professor Bair, and Arlo, a local professor's son. Miriam Lerner '24 joined the children in tracing their hands. As the sign outside the traditional Jewish hut explains, it is tradition to eat in the Sukkah for eight consecutive nights to remember the shelters that Jewish people lived in while traversing the desert. In honor of this tradition, members of Hillel had dinner on Monday, Sept. 20th under the Sukkah. They ordered food from Lafa, a Mediterranean restaurant in New Hartford, and extended an invitation to all students. Students packed the Sukkah craving scrumptious, non-Commons, food, including falafel, chicken, pita bread, rice and tomatoes with feta cheese. Rabbi Bair passed around warm challah and chocolate babka from Trader Joe's for dessert. Only ten people RSVP-ed to the event, but there was enough food for the thirty people who came. Following tradition, Hillel gathered the product of hadar trees (branches of palm trees, boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook) also known as the lulav and etrog, which grow in Israel. They serve as a symbol of joy and freedom following the High Holidays, a period of intense reflection. As the Torah instructs, students held these four species and rejoiced. Sukkot might seem similar to Thanksgiving, which is not coincidental. According to some historians, the traditions and religious aspects of Sukkot helped shape Thanksgiving. Both holidays thank God for the fall harvest. In the next two months, as students prepare for Thanksgiving, they should remember the origins of their beloved turkey holiday. Sukkot begins on a full moon, coinciding with Hamilton College's first Full Moon Club meeting. Though there is no chanting and howling at the moon involved in Sukkot, the two events have some similarities. Both begin at nightfall before the 15th of the lunar month of Tishrei when the moon is at its zenith.

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The Hamilton College Hillel Sukkah, decorated and lit up at night.

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Chaya Bair '39 is gifted a crown made by Rachel Saxon '24

Letter to the editor: a message from Director of Human Resources Steve Stemkoski

To the Hamilton Community,

The union election for admission tour guides and senior fellows takes place on Friday. As noted in earlier messages, Hamilton fully supports the right of any workers to choose what they believe is best for them. However, the College wants students to have all the facts, to think through the issues carefully, and to make a well-informed individual choice. In that spirit, Hamilton prepared a list of FAQs [hamilton.edu/unionfaq] to provide clear and accurate information about the election.

Claims that the College has not complied with the rules governing union elections are simply not true. Here are some specifics.

Did Hamilton grant a pay raise to admission workers after the union petition was filed? The process to increase student pay in the Admission Office was begun before the petition was filed, something that is well documented. It is entirely permissible and appropriate for employers to follow through on pre-planned actions and well-established patterns and practices.

Is Hamilton permitted to talk with student workers about the union? Yes, it is perfectly acceptable to provide student workers with information, to articulate the College's position on the issues, and to answer questions so students can make an informed decision. It would be a strange election process if only one side was allowed to express its views.

It has also been suggested that the College did not consult with tour guides before resuming tours last spring. This also is simply not true. The College did consult with the tour guides and offered those who were not comfortable conducting tours substitute work options.

I hope this helps clarify any confusion about the College's policies and what is permitted.

Sincerely,

Steve Stemkoski
Director of Human Resources

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Football Defeats Bowdoin in Defensive Battle

By Ezra Lombardi '25
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

The Hamilton football team took the field Saturday for the first time since Nov. 2019, outlasting the Bowdoin Polar Bears 16-7. The Continentals were led by a strong defensive effort, forcing three turnovers and holding Bowdoin to 290 yards of total offense. Captain Mike Cairns '22 had a nose for the football, leading the team with 12 tackles while also forcing and recovering a fumble.

Offensively, the Blue and White were paced by their rushing attack. Quarterback Nigel Scott '23 finished with 60 yards on the ground in his first collegiate start, adding 57 passing yards. First-year running backs Justin Moran '25 and Kamau Hopewell '25 combined for 80 yards and both found the endzone for a touchdown.

Bowdoin's Griff Stalcup had 141 yards passing and a rushing touchdown while Andre Eden '24 finished with 106 yards rushing. Will Federico '23 and Koy Price '25 each had an interception in the loss.

Both teams struggled to sustain offense in the first quarter as attempts to establish the run were unsuccessful. Hamilton's front-seven made its presence felt early, with Cairns forcing and recovering a fumble on Bowdoin's first offensive possession. This turnover set the Hamilton offense up at Bowdoin's 30-yard line, but they were unable to cash in after a sack and a penalty backed them up to the 40.

The Polar Bears gave away 85 total yards in penalties, 15 of which came on a costly unsportsmanlike conduct call that kickstarted the Continentals' first scoring drive. Scott found Vince Reph '24 for 26 yards and Nick Fabrizio '22 for 16 to get the ball into the redzone. Hopewell did the rest, punching the ball in from five yards out to cap off the 10 play, 82-yard drive.

Entering the second half up 6-0, Hamilton returned to the run game, this time with Moran in at tailback. The Continentals again took the ball deep into Bowdoin territory with explosive running from Moran and Scott, but failed to score as Scott was intercepted by Federico. However, it only took three plays for James Ball '22 to get the football back as the Captain fell on a fumble at the Bowdoin 39 yard-line. The Continentals then took just 6 plays for Moran to cross the goal line, extending the lead to 13-0 with the extra point kicked by Sam Thoreen '22.

Bowdoin answered quickly with Stalcup completing a nine play, 71-yard drive with a nine-yard scramble to score the Polar Bears' lone touchdown. After the Hamilton offense went three and out on the ensuing drive, Bowdoin appeared to have tied the game as Stalcup connected with Colton Fahey '24 from 28 yards out, but the play was called back for holding. From there, Hamilton's defense dug deep and put together three impressive stands in a row, starting with a pivotal turnover on downs in Hamilton territory after the holding penalty. Then, Bowdoin kicker Jotham Casey '25 missed his 41-yard field goal attempt. When called on again, the stout Continental defense forced another turnover on downs deep in Bowdoin territory.

Hamilton capitalized on this great field position as Thoreen put the game out of reach with a 39-yard field goal, leaving only 36 seconds on the clock. Jack Parker '23 then iced the game with an interception of Stalcup's Hail Mary attempt. The Continentals return to action Saturday, Sept. 25 at Andrus Field where they take on the 1-0 Wesleyan Cardinals.

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Mike Cairns '23 racked up 12 tackles and forced a fumble on Saturday.

PHOTO BY HAMILTON COLLEGE

James Ball '22 and Alex Street '23 played a major role in a strong defensive performance against Bowdoin this past Saturday.

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Sam Thoreen '22 kicked a lead-extending field goal with under a minute left.

Spectator Athletes of the Week

By Sam Dils '22
SPORTS EDITOR

Fall sports are in full swing, as every varsity team has now competed in at least one competitive event. With many fall teams off to terrific starts, here are some of the game-changing individual highlights from around the fields and courts over the past week.

Women's Soccer: Rylie Mutton '23

Mutton found the back of the net in the 93rd minute to give the women's soccer team a golden-goal upset on the road against nationally ranked #4 Amherst on Saturday. Mutton finished the week's games with two goals and one assist, setting up Olivia Morrow '24 earlier in the Amherst game as the team's 2-1 victory put them at the top of the NESCAC standings. Mutton followed up that performance with the team's second of three goals in a shutout win against Union on Tuesday, Sept. 21. Mutton was also named Women's Soccer Player of the Week by the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC).

Men's Soccer: Luke O'Dowd '25

The men's soccer team battled to a 0-1-1 week against some stiff competition. On the road against the defending national finalists Amherst, the team put up a resilient defensive effort, anchored in the back by Matt Jordan '22 and Nate Gegwich '23, but fell 1-0 to the Mammoths. On Tuesday, Sept. 21, O'Dowd notched his first career goal against Ithaca. Moving forward from the right back position, O'Dowd hammered home a loose ball on the back post to give the Continentals a 1-0 first-half lead. The game ultimately ended in a 1-1 draw.

Field Hockey: Maura Holden '23

Holden found the net twice in a week when the field hockey team went 1-1 overall. Already up 1-0 on a Lexi Takishima '22 goal against Saint Lawrence, Holden put away what would end up being the game-winner in the 35th minute; the team would go on to cruise to a 4-1 victory with additional tallies from Tracey Stafford '23 and Emma Liebegott '22. Holden finished off the week with another goal against Amherst in a 3-1 loss.

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Emily Moy '22

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Hannah Apsey '25

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Kate Carmen '24

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Rylie Mutton '23

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Luke O'Dowd '25

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Maura Holden '23

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Billy Geach '23

Men's Golf: Billy Geach '23

Geach's efforts led the men's golf team to a sixth-place overall finish in the Williams Invitational at Taconic Golf Club this past weekend. The squad finished third among the ten NESCAC teams competing at the event. Geach carded a 75 on Saturday and a 77 on Sunday to finish +10 for the event, tying for 21st overall. The team sat at third overall after strong, consistent Saturday rounds and managed to beat out several NESCAC rivals. Teammate Tommy Kantaros '24 also finished at +10 during the weekend.

Women's Golf: Emily Moy '22

The women's golf team competed in the George Phinney Golf Classic at Middlebury's Ralph Myrhe Golf Course this weekend. Moy led the charge, carding consecutive rounds of 83 and 81 to finish 22nd out of 68 competitors. The team finished sixth out of 12 teams, and fourth-best among NESCAC schools.

Women's Tennis: Hannah Apsey '25

Apsey had a phenomenal weekend as the women's tennis team competed at the ITA Northeast Regionals at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. Apsey reached the semifinals in both the singles and doubles draws, partnering with Lauren Holtzman '23 in doubles play. Apsey had to battle throughout the single-elimination tournament; three of her four wins came in three sets, including an impressive 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 comeback against Skidmore's Lily Feldman in the quarterfinals. Apsey and Holtzman cruised through their first three matches before falling in the doubles semifinals to the eventual champion pairing from NYU.

Volleyball: Kate Carmen '24

Women's volleyball enjoyed a 2-0 week with two straight-set victories, including an important NESCAC win on the road against Trinity. Carmen led the team with 20 kills over the two matches. Melissa Morelli '24 was given credit for 50 assists across the two matches, setting the table for an overpowering Hamilton attack. Against Trinity, the team battled to a tight 25-23 win in the first set, setting up a 3-0 sweep. With a hot start to the season at 5-1, the team heads to Williams this weekend for another key NESCAC matchup.